



**NEXT GAME: THIS SATURDAY versus KANSAS KOYOTES!!
7:05pm KICKOFF – TAILGATE @ QUAKER STEAK @ 4:00pm.**

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Blackhawks sign 8-year-old phenom

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia. – The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs indoor professional football team, has signed 8-year-old Alec Mass from Treynor Elementary to a one game contract for the Blackhawks May 9th game against the Kansas Koyotes.

May 9th is Heroes Night with the Iowa Blackhawks as the team will honor military, law enforcement, and other local heroes.

“When I first read Alec’s story I was amazed,” Blackhawks general manager Jeremy Poore said, “to go through chemotherapy while battling cancer and still attending school and doing everything a normal second grader does really made me think.”



Poore went on to say during Wednesday’s press conference, “Alec handled his illness like a man. Scratch that he handled it like a hero because most men I know would curl up in the fetal position when trying to deal with what Alec has.”

Alec was diagnosed May 8th, 2008 with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma, a very rare cancer of the soft tissue, and went through 43 weeks of treatments to battle the disease. Alec’s last MRI and CT scans came back clear of cancer. He will have to go through scans every three months for the next year and every six months for the next five years before he is considered cured

as this type of cancer does not go into remission.

Alec will be the Iowa Blackhawks honorary captain during Saturday night’s game against the Kansas Koyotes at the Mid America Center. When asked if he would be nervous for Saturday’s game against Kansas Alec calmly shook his head, put on his game face, and said, “No I will be fine.”

Alec is a gentleman of few words but his smile and his actions seemed to bring out the best of his new teammates on Wednesday.

Iowa Blackhawks head coach Mike Wolff told the press conference attendees, “I think Alec puts this all into perspective for us. To go through what he has and to battle the way he has serves as an inspiration for me personally and I know he is an inspiration to this team.

The Iowa Blackhawks face the 5 time defending APFL Champion Kansas Koyotes this Saturday at the Mid America Center at 7:05pm. For tickets, please contact the MAC box office at (712) 323.0636 or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Hot Wings dance camp this Saturday

The 'Hot Wings' professional dance team will be hosting their 6th annual dance clinic this Saturday, May 9th from noon to 3pm at the Mid-America Center. All kids' ages 4-14 years-of-age are welcome to register.

Cost for participation is \$25 which includes the clinic, t-shirt, snacks, one free game ticket, and a chance to perform LIVE during halftime of the Iowa Blackhawks football game!

For more information, please contact the Iowa Blackhawks' office at (712) 256.6180 or email general manager, Jeremy Poore at jeremy@iowablackhawks.com. Registrations will be accepted on Saturday at noon inside the MAC's Convention Center.

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